

**DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
CONNECTICUT OFFICE OF THE ARTS**

Connecticut Arts Council Meeting

Monday, September 17, 2018

2:00 pm

450 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 5, Hartford, CT 06103

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Fritz Jellinghaus, Pedro Bermudez, Christopher Bruhl, Mary Ellen Eckels,
Jan Dilenschneider, Titus Kaphar, Catherine Smith, Ted Yudain

Absent: Helen During

Staff: Elizabeth Shapiro, Adriane Jefferson, Bonnie Koba, Rhonda Olisky, Jane
Schneider

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:14 pm

II. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes of June 11, 2018.

Motion: Catherine Smith

Second: Ted Yudain

(Y-5; N-0; Abstain-3)

III. Commissioner's Update

Commissioner Catherine Smith reported that the job description for the position of Head of Culture (formerly held by Kristina Newman-Scott) had to be rewritten. Catherine will share a draft of the description with the Arts Council members. Commissioner Smith hopes to have the position refilled as soon as possible, no later than January 2019. A small group of volunteers will be assisting in the review of resumes received. This candidate will be the voice of Arts & Historic Preservation both on a local and national level.

Commissioner Smith also reported that a transition plan is being developed for the new administration coming in on January 2019.

In addition, she reported that the Connecticut Arts Alliance, the arts advocacy group, is conducting meetings with all the gubernatorial candidates.

IV. Chairman's Report

Fritz Jellinghaus welcomed the new arts council members: Pedro Bermudez, Christopher Bruhl and Titus Kaphar. We currently still have three vacancies. Efforts in filling these vacancies will continue by Commissioner Smith and Fritz.

Fritz also reported that the Patron of the Arts is scheduled for September 27th, 2018 at the Governor's Mansion. This is an opportunity to recognize private support for the arts in our state.

V. Interim Director's Report

Liz Shapiro reported that COA staff will be reviewing our Strategic plan to see how we are coming along with meeting our goals and objectives.

Liz also reported that COA is doing an in depth review of our Supporting Arts grant applicants to determine how the arts organizations are doing regarding their fiscal health and sustainability plan.

VI. Action Items

FY19 Supporting Arts Grants

It is recommended that the Connecticut Arts Council approve seventy-eight (78) Supporting Arts grants in the amount of \$451,000.

Motion: Mary Ellen Eckels

Seconded: Chris Bruhl

(Y-7; N-0; Abstain-0; Recuse-1)

FY19 Arts Learning Grants

It is recommended that the Connecticut Arts Council approve nineteen (19) Arts Learning Grants in the amount of \$77,609.

Motion: Ted Yudain
Seconded: Jan Dilenschneider

(Y-8; N-0; Abstain-0)

FY19 COA Project Grants

It is recommended that the Connecticut Arts Council approve twenty-four (24) COA Project Grants in the amount of \$332,300.

Motion: Jan Dilenschneider
Seconded: Ted Yudain

(Y-8; N-0; Abstain-0)

FY19 Regional Initiative Grants

It is recommended that the Connecticut Arts Council approve thirty-eight (38) Regional Initiative Grants in the amount of \$138,520.

Motion: Ted Yudain
Seconded: Mary Ellen Eckels

(Y-8; N-0; Abstain-0)

FY19 Regional Service Organizations

It is recommended that the Connecticut Arts Council six (6) Regional Service Organization Partnership grants in the amount of \$34,000 each for a total of \$204,000

Motion: Jan Dilenschneider
Seconded: Mary Ellen Eckels

(Y-8; N-0; Abstain-0)

FY19 Folk & Traditional Arts Program Partnership Agreement

It is recommended that the Connecticut Arts Council six (6) Regional Service Organization Partnership grants in the amount of \$34,000 each for a total of \$204,000

Motion: Jan Dilenschneider

Seconded: Mary Ellen Eckels

(Y-8; N-0; Abstain-0)

VII. Other Business

No other business.

VIII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Ted Yudain, second by Chris Bruhl, to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lu Rivera
Administrative Assistant